

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to recognize U.S. Constitution Day and encourage enhanced classroom instruction about the U.S. Constitution.

WHEREAS, our constitution is the oldest charter of supreme law in continuous use and the official blueprint of the greatest nation on the face of the Earth; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution is the document that holds our society together in law and political culture, in which we can all pursue the life, liberty, and happiness that the founders promised; and

WHEREAS, the first three articles of the U.S. Constitution established the three separate branches of government and the system of checks and balances that have prohibited the possibility of tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the last four articles helped to frame the principle of federalism that has provided states with the ability to try different strategies and compete among themselves; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, citizens of the United States have challenged the constitution when they believed there was some injustice, and as a result there are twenty-seven amendments that have made our country even stronger; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our country is based in the laws of the land and those who strive to make others aware of the importance of our founding; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee still has numerous young adults who desire to celebrate U.S. Constitution Day; and

WHEREAS, there are still young adults who strive to raise awareness about the U.S. Constitution, for which Knoxville student, J.P. Dakak, deserves recognition for his diligent efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee urges educators to recognize and celebrate U.S. Constitution Day and to teach the subject every September 17; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize September 17, 2012, as U.S. Constitution Day and express the sense of this Body that each subsequent September 17 should likewise be recognized as U.S. Constitution Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage Tennessee's teachers and educators across the nation to teach the United States Constitution every year on this special day and throughout the school year to further promote national pride and citizenship and maintain a continued connection to our past that has helped this nation become the beacon of light for the rest of the world.